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Several months ago, I told my boss of my plans to retire before the end of June. I haven't made my plans public while the selection process for my replacement was ongoing. Today, as the selection process has been completed, is the right time for me to tell you my plans. It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that I will retire from my position as President of WRPS, effective June 30.

It has been my privilege to lead such a talented team. You have accomplished a great deal over the past 18 months: setting new safety records for the tank farms; accelerating retrieval work; deploying the MARS technology; improving conduct of operations and radiological protection; dramatically reducing maintenance backlogs and much more. My successor will now have the honor of working with all of you as you continue to make great strides in operational performance and efficiency improvements.

My wife, Carol, and I plan to stay in the Tri-Cities and I will remain active in the community. I will be watching from the sidelines as you continue to your efforts to close C Farm, improve conduct of operations and prepare to feed the Waste Treatment Plant.

Lyden (Dave) Olson has been selected as the new president of WRPS following my retirement. Dave has more than 30 years of experience in the operation of high-hazard nuclear facilities. In his current position as president of Savannah River Remediation at the Savannah River Site, he manages a complex, integrated set of radioactive liquid waste facilities. His experience and successful leadership at SRR will transition well to his position as president of WRPS. Dave will begin his new assignment on July 1.

In closing, I am very proud to be a part of the WRPS team. Thank you for all the support you have given me; I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with during my time here with WRPS.

Stay safe,